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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON GREEK-
TURKISH DISPUTE

1. JAPANESE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ABE TELEPHONED
AMB BENNETT TWICE MRONING AUGUST 10 TO ADVISE US OF
DEVELOPMENTS LOOKING TOWARD SC MEETING ON PROBLEM
IN AEGEAN RAISED BY SISMIL I EXPLORATIONS. IN FOLLOW UP
TO GREEK PERM REP'S CALL ON AMB BENNETT AUGUST 9, WE
HAD ALREADY HEARD FROM GREEK MISSION THAT GOG HAD NOW
DECIDED TO ASK FOR URGENT SC MEETING.

2. ACCORDING SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, GREEK AMBASSADOR
ADVISED HIM THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS PLANNED ARRIVE
NY AFTERNOON AUGUST 11 AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH
SC PRESIDENT AT 7:00 PM. GREEKS CONTEMPLATE THAT SC
MEETING MIGHT FOLLOW EVENING AUGUST 11. THERE WAS
DISCUSSION BETWEEN ABE AND BENNETT AS TO WHETHER, GIVEN
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UNCERTAINTY OF AIR ARRIVALS, IT MIGHT BE MORE PRACTICAL

TO LOOK TOWARD MEETING ON MONRNING AUGUST 12.

3. SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TELEPHONED BENNETT AGAIN
AT 12:25 PM TO SAY HE HAD JUST HEARD FROM TURKISH CHARGE.
TURKISH PERM REP IS RETURNING TO NY TONIGHT. FOREIGN MIN-
ISTER WOULD ALSO PLAN TRIP TO NEW YORK BUT CANNOT ARRIVE
BEFORE AFTERNOON AUGUST 13. TURKS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO HAVE
SC MEETING SATURDAY MORNING AUGUST 14. ABE
COMMENTED HERE WAS ALREADY AN EXAMPLE OF FIRST STRONG DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN GREEKS AND TURKS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE CALLING
COUNCIL TO MEET 3:30 PM AUGUST 11 FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.
HE WOULD BE SEEKING COUNCIL'S ADVICE ON WHEN TO CALL
FORMAL SC MEETING IN VIEW OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GREEKS
AND TURKS.
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